Guide to the FL11 Luo file

/Most of the literature on the Luo (Nilotic Kavirondo) has been written by colonial officials and missionaries. Evans-Pritchard and Southall are the few anthropologists who have done field work among them. Consequently many of the sources included in this File are descriptive accounts and general surveys. Of these, 14: Johnston is most useful for information on the Luo prior to the intrusion of European influence. 1: Butt is adequate as a summary of existing knowledge. Since Luo social and economic organization is highly integrated with their kinship system, particular attention has been focused on the latter by various observers. Two sources, 2: Evans-Pritchard and 17: Southall describe and analyse this complex subject from different approaches. In regard to marriage customs 3: Evans-Pritchard and 8: Shaw complement each other as their information came from different parts of the Kavirondo region. On economic activities, aside from general surveys, the File includes 6: Dobbs on fishing, 9: Owen on agriculture, and 13: Odede on animal husbandry. Information on legal and political controls is available in articles on the kinship system and in general surveys written by colonial administrators such as Roscoe and Hobley. Religious beliefs and